



AGC/WSDOT ROADWAY TEAM

MINUTES for Meeting of September 16, 2004

AGC Office, Tacoma WA

Attending:

Frank Scarsella	<u>X</u>	Bill Grady	___	Joe Spink	<u>X</u>
Dan Glover	<u>X</u>	Jim Spaid	<u>X</u>	Terry Mattson	<u>X</u>
Ray Arnold	<u>X</u>	Jeff Peterson	___	Mike Morishige	___
Larry Eik	<u>X</u>	Kyle Zender	___	Bob Glenn	<u>X</u>
Ken Stone	<u>X</u>				

Minutes of September 16, 2004 Meeting

Distributed copies, discussion followed regarding the proposed revisions to Section 8-01 that were distributed at the June meeting. Specific comments are as follows;

Section 8-01.3E, Detention/Retention Ponds – recommendation was that the pond should be cut to finish grade at the start, then review at the end of construction. If required, utilize a vac truck to clean up any sedimentation build up.

The feeling was that this would be easier for contractors to bid and construct.

General comment was also made that there is a significant difference between eastern and western sides of the state, should look at developing a site specific GSP.

Section 8-01.4, Street Cleaning – a question was asked about the intention of this item? The response was that this would keep debris from entering the drains.

Discussion followed on who is responsible for this cleaning and who pays for the cleaning. Concern was voiced that there are inconsistencies from project to project with the application of this item.

Section 8-01.5, Payment – a question was asked about maintenance and removal of water pollution control devices. Is the intention to pay for removal of these items? The answer was yes, but sometimes an item like silt fence or straw bales may not be removed at the end of the project.

Section 9-17 Flexible Guideposts – There were no comments from the group on changes to the material specifications for flexible guideposts.
The above comments will be reviewed with the subject experts.

Old Business

Minutes of Other Team Meetings

The Administration Team has not met recently; their next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow September 17, 2004.

The Structures Team met on August 13, 2004, minutes from that meeting were distributed.

Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at The State Construction Office website at the following address:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

New Business

High-Visibility Construction Fence - Jim Spaid provided copies of the August 11, 2004 Project Delivery Memo for this item. Jim went over the memorandum explaining that the intent is to install high-visibility fencing to delineate wetlands and other sensitive areas on construction projects.

This item will be included on all new projects, and added to existing projects by either change order or addendum. The department will stake the locations of the fencing, or provide staking notes for the contractor to install the fencing.

A discussion followed with concerns being voiced with possible confusion with the application of the fencing. This type of fencing has been used for many years on construction sites to delineate items other than wetlands – fuel tanks, soft spots, and private property. It was asked if a color other than orange could be used for the sensitive areas? If another color isn't available, could signs be installed with the fencing?

A general note was made that phasing of work, working days and permit requirements need to be watched closely. This additional work needs to be accounted for in the working days and project schedule.

Disposal of Excess Material – Jim Spaid provided copies of the August 30, 2004 Project Delivery Memo for this item. He went over the memorandum explaining how this type of work has been impacted by the new WAC revisions. The provisions provided with the memo were developed as a result of discussions between WSDOT and DOE to provide interim guidance for WSDOT work until the WAC could be reviewed and opened for public comment.

A concern was raised over the definition of “child –use areas” shown in Section 2-03.3(7) C. What is this and how is it defined?

Another concern and discussion followed on the restrictions placed with topsoil manufacturers shown in Section 2-03.3(7) C. The concern was that any restrictions to this item would make it difficult to dispose of excess strippings and would result in increased project costs.

A general discussion followed asking if the Department of Ecology has the authority to regulate dirt as a solid waste?

Pavement Markings – Jim Spaid provided copies of the September 8, 2004 Project Delivery Memo for this item. Jim went over the memorandum explaining that the intent is to provide longer lasting pavement marking on high volume highways in western Washington by placing profiled methyl methacrylate stripes.

A concern was voiced that this work would extend the duration of the project and possibly require additional maintenance for the temporary stripes.

Erosion Control and Water Pollution Control – Jim Spaid provided copies of the draft GSP amendment to Section 8-01.3 for review and comment. He explained that the runoff from concrete and grinding projects raises pH level. The GSP provides direction for monitoring and controlling pH levels on construction projects.

A general discussion followed with comments that pH levels should also be included in the Spill Control and Counter Measures Plan.

Other Items – General discussion was held on environmental permits and regulations. How do we incorporate them into contracts so that they are available and clear to everyone?

A comment was made that we need to look at the delivery of the message, how the information is presented at pre-cons and by project personnel.

Other Business

Discussion Topics

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity}

- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Smoothness Specification for ACP - this is an issue of information. A subcommittee of the APAW/WSDOT Joint Task Force is working on the specifics of this issue.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint
- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.
(5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?
(9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Structure Excavation Class B – backfilling trenches (5/9/03) Meas. and Payment 2-09
- Aggregate Substitution (5/9/03)
- Documentation requirements for consumables

Next Meeting

The next meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, October 28, 2004 and Thursday, December 2, 2004** at the Tacoma AGC office beginning at **8:00am**.